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NEWSLETTER

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Let's Decorate for Christmas!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1:00 PM

We need your help decorating our buildings for the Christmas season! Just show up to work and we will get you plugged in! We need as many hands as possible to make this happen. Everyone is welcome!

Worship Pastor Candidate - Dr. Zach Jones



This Sunday, November 20, will be a very special day for our church. After much prayer and diligent work, our Worship Pastor Search Team has unanimously voted to present Dr. Zach Jones as their candidate for Worship Pastor. Zach's ministry objective is to maximize God's glory by equipping the church to disciple her people through congregational worship. He is deeply versed in worship theology and its proper application in the local church. His Ph.D. dissertation was focused on understanding how people know God through worship.

Zach holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Church Music, a Master of Divinity in Christian Ministry, and a Ph.D. in Theology and Worship. He has 20-plus years leading worship in a variety of settings. He is a classically trained pianist and has experience leading worship both vocally and instrumentally. Arranging or scoring music for vocalists and any instrument is also among his vast skill set.

Zach and his wife Terra have been married for 16 years. They have three sons, Keaton (15), Benjamin (13), and Caedmon (11).

When talking with his references, I heard things like: *great family, brilliant, builder, servant leader, respect him, think the world of him, heart of service, patient, excellent pastor, inspiring, blessing to the staff, gracious, strong work ethic, helps people understand worship, and faithful and authentic walk with Christ.*

Please make every effort to join us in worship this Sunday at 10:15. Our goal will be to glorify God and respond to His leadership in calling Zach as our new Worship Pastor. Zach will lead us in worship and at the conclusion of the service we will have a closed-ballot vote.

DECEMBER DATES TO REMEMBER

Sunday, December 11 - Children's Choir Christmas Musical at 6:00 pm

Sunday, December 18 - Christmas For Kids during 10:15 am Worship Service

Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24

Family Christmas Service at 5:00 pm, Candlelight Service at 11:30 pm

Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25

Worship Service Only at 10:15 am (No Sunday School Connect Groups)

THANKS GIVING
Dinner

Sunday
November 20
5:30 pm
In the crosswalk

RESERVATIONS
REQUIRED

\$7 PER PERSON

Thanksgiving Schedule

There will be no supper, services or activities on Wednesday, November 23.

Church Conference

Wednesday, November 30, 6:30 pm

Discussion of the 2023 Budget

Sunday, December 4, 10:15 am

Vote on 2023 Budget without Discussion

ALL SENIOR ADULTS ARE INVITED

CHRISTMAS LUNCH AND PROGRAM

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13
11:00 AM
SENIOR ADULT BUILDING

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED
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Financial Report

Sunday, November 13

Total Annual Budget.....\$1,463,071.48
 Budgeted Gifts\$15,256.00
 Legacy Gifts.....\$190.00
 Designated/Reimbursement.....\$4,713.00
 Total Deposit.....\$20,159.00
**Does not include online giving*

Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to:

The family of Teresa Huffman.

Randy Blair in the death of his mother, Emily Blair.

Joe Ellison in the death of his stepmother, Jean Ellison.

Peggy Peterson in the death of her brother-in-law, Homer Peterson.

Opportunities

SUNDAY

9:00 am
10:15 am
5:30 pm

Bible Study/Sunday School
Morning Worship Service
Thanksgiving Dinner

Student Ministry Special Events

Winter Retreat Registration is open now through December 7th. To register, text, call or email Ford. We're returning to Blowing Rock North Carolina for another Ski and Tubing trip at Sugar mountain on Jan. 20-22. Cost is \$110 due at registration, and then the cost of their activity (Skiing/Snowboarding = \$100; Snow Tubing=\$35; Ice-Skating=\$20) to be brought day of.

Ecuador Mission Trip Interest Meeting November 27th, 5:00pm in the Crosswalk. If you want to go on this trip you need to be at this meeting! This meeting is for the parents and students who want to go.

Down Syndrome Christmas Party! December 3rd, 9:30am – 11:30am in the Crosswalk. We will once again be hosting the annual Christmas party for the Down Syndrome Association. Please keep this Saturday morning open on your calendar so that you can be a part of serving these awesome people in our community. Let Ford know if you can serve!

Help Those In Need This Christmas Season

Angel Tree Ministry

The Reaching Center, in partnership with the Salvation Army, is participating in the Angel Tree Ministry again this year. Prayerfully consider taking a child's name and purchasing gifts from their Christmas wish list.

- The Angel Trees are located in the Welcome Center and breezeway.
- Be sure and sign the sheet with your name and your adopted child's name and GVL number.
- Place the purchased items in black plastic bags with the GVL number on each gift and the tag on the outside of the bag.
- Add the child and their family to your prayer list.
- Gifts should be returned no later than **Sunday, December 4.**

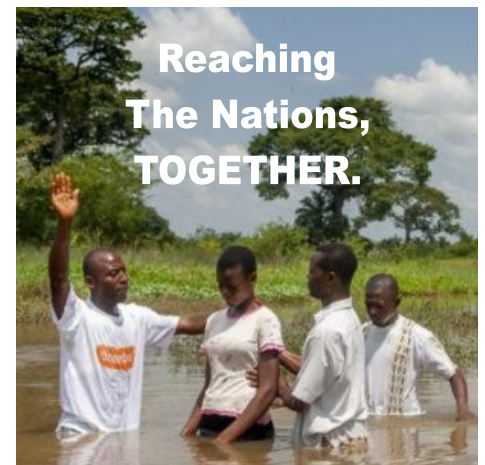
Christmas Eve Ministry

Christmas is just around the corner, and from the number of you that have put decorations up already I know you are excited and ready. But for some families, Christmas can be a very stressful time wondering how they will be able to provide for their family at Christmas. For over 45 years, our church has been providing gifts and food to families in need for Christmas. These gifts and food are delivered to each family's home by volunteers from our church on Christmas Eve. Already this year, we have received numerous calls hoping for help. We plan to help as many families as possible, but we will be limited to how many we can help by the donations and volunteers we have.

The average family costs \$300 to supply a nice Christmas meal and presents. Most of the gifts are made up of shoes, clothes, winter coats and a few toys. We need donations and sponsors! If you would be willing to make a donation or even completely sponsor an entire family, we need to know by **Sunday, November 27th** so that we can make a clear commitment to the families we can help. This deadline is extremely important this year. If you or your group would like to volunteer to shop and deliver gifts to these families, please let us know of that commitment too. How many families in our community we can help is up to you! Please mark your gifts as Christmas Eve Ministry. If you have any questions, please contact Mike Parker at 246-1921 or Mparkar@bereafbc.org.

Week of Prayer for International Missions December 4-11

Our Goal for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering: **\$15,000**



100% of your gifts go to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering to enable gospel transformation among the unreached.